CITY OF EARLVILLE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

June 30, 2009

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CITY OF EARLVILLE

OFFICIALS

Name	<u>Title</u>	Term <u>Expires</u>
Dan Wheeler	Mayor	Jan. 2010
Mark Salow	Mayor Pro tem	Jan. 2010
Tom Salow Doug Dabroski Ed Gibbs Bob Peters	Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member	Jan. 2010 Jan. 2010 Jan. 2012 Jan. 2012
Linda Gaul	Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite
William G. Blum	Attorney	Indefinite

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Earlville, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Earlville's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S generally accepted accounting principles. Also, as permitted by the Code of Iowa, the accounting records of the City have not been audited for all prior years. Accordingly, we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the distribution by activity of the cash basis net assets and by fund of the cash balances at July 1, 2008.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify the distribution by activity of the cash basis net assets and by fund of the cash balances at July 1, 2008, as discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund

information of the City of Earlville as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated September 18, 2009 on our consideration of the City of Earlville's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 13 and 26 through 27 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Earlville's basic financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 3 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify the distribution by fund of the cash balances at July 1, 2008, as it relates to Schedule 1, as discussed in the third paragraph, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Elkader, Iowa

September 18, 2009

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CITY OF EARLVILLE

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The City of Earlville provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow. Bear in mind that Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa requires that the City have its financial statements audited once every four years. Therefore any financial information presented for 2008 has not been audited.

2009 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Receipts of the City's governmental activities increased 22.9%, or approximately \$ 119,000, from fiscal 2008 to fiscal 2009. Much of this increase was due to borrowing \$ 90,000 to purchase an ambulance.
- Disbursements of the City's governmental activities increased 15.7% or approximately \$ 79,000, in fiscal 2009 from fiscal 2008. Public safety increased approximately \$ 137,000, while public works and debt service decreased approximately \$ 49,000 and \$ 30,000, respectively.
- The City's total cash basis net assets increased 4.9%, or approximately \$66,000 from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Of this amount, the assets of the governmental activities increased approximately \$61,000 and the assets of the business type activities increased approximately \$5,000.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the City's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statement consists of a Statement of Activities and Net Assets. This statement provides information about the activities of the City as a whole and presents an overall view of the City's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statement by

providing information about the most significant funds.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the City's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental funds and the City's indebtedness.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The City maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

REPORTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statement

One of the most important questions asked about the City's finances is, "Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information which helps answer this question.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in the City's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets is divided into two kinds of activities:

- 1. Governmental Activities include public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development and general government and debt service. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- 2. Business Type Activities include the waterworks, the sanitary sewer system and the electric distribution system. These activities are financed primarily by user charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The City has two kinds of funds:

1. Governmental funds account for most of the City's basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds include [a] the General Fund, [b] the Special Revenue Funds such as Road Use Tax and Local Option Sales Tax and [c] the Debt Service Fund. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs.

The required financial statement for governmental funds include a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.

2. Proprietary funds account for the City's Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to account for business type activities. The City maintains three Enterprise Funds to provide separate information for the water, sewer and electric funds, considered to be major funds of the City.

The required financial statement for proprietary funds is a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The City's cash balance for governmental activities increased sharply from a year ago, increasing from \$ 560,000 to \$ 621,000. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in cash balances for governmental activities.

Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets of Governmental Activities
(Expressed in Thousands)

Receipts	Year Ender 2009	d June 30, 2008
Program receipts Charges for service	\$ 128	131
Operating grants, contributions, and restricted Interest	119	94
General receipts		
Property tax Local option sales tax	205 74	201 64

Unrestricted interest on investments	11	17
Patronage dividend	14	-
Note Proceeds	90	-
Other general receipts		15
Total receipts	641	522
Disbursements		
Public safety	199	62
Public works	163	213
Health and social services	1	•
Culture and recreation	67	55
Community and economic development	20	21
General government	62	52
Debt service	68	98
Total disbursements	580	501
Change in cash basis net assets	61	21
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	560	539
Cash basis net assets end of year	<u>\$ 621</u>	560

The City's total receipts for governmental activities increased 22.9% or \$ 119,000. The total cost of all programs and services increased by approximately \$ 79,000, or 15.7% with no new programs added this year. The increase in receipts was primarily the result of proceeds received from the issuance of a note for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Property tax receipts increased approximately \$ 4,000 from 2008 to 2009 and are budgeted to decrease \$ 10,000 next year.

The cost of all governmental activities was \$580,000 compared to \$501,000 last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets on page 15, the amount taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities was only \$333,000 because some of the cost was paid by those directly benefited from the programs (\$128,000) or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants, contributions and restricted interest (\$119,000). Overall, in 2009, the City's governmental activities program receipts, including intergovernmental aid and fees for services, increased approximately \$22,000 to approximately \$247,000, principally due to receiving a Federal disaster grant. The City paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of governmental activities with \$279,000 in tax (some of which could only be used for certain programs) and with other receipts such as interest, general entitlements

and note proceeds.

Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets of Business Type Activities (Expressed in Thousands)

Year Ended June 30			
		2008	
\$	68	73	
•		81	
	496	526	
	18	-	
-	5		
_	662	680	
	88	65	
	90	68	
-	479	438	
-	657	571	
	5	109	
	780	671	
<u>\$</u>	785	780	
		2009 \$ 68 75 496 18 5 662 88 90 479 657 5 780	

Total business type activities receipts for the fiscal year were \$662,000 compared to \$680,000 last year. The cash balance increased by approximately \$5,000. Total disbursements for the fiscal year decreased by 15.1% to a total of \$657,000.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND ANALYSIS

As the City of Earlville completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined

fund balance of \$621,437, an increase of over \$61,000 from last year's total of \$560,027. The following are the major reasons for the changes in fund balances of the major funds from the prior year.

- The General Fund cash balance increased \$ 24,765 from the prior year to \$ 395,471. The City received an unanticipated insurance dividend of nearly \$ 14,000, which accounted for a majority of the increase.
- The Road Use Tax Fund cash balance decreased by \$ 15,986 from the prior year to \$ 22,553. This decrease was the result of less street maintenance being financed through the Local Option Sales Tax Fund.
- The Local Option Sales Tax Fund cash balance increased by \$ 44,918 to \$ 136,145. This increase was due to less spending on streets as mentioned previously.
- The Debt Service Fund cash balance increased by \$ 6,880 to \$ 48,067. This increase was due to collection of unbudgeted receipts of \$ 3,276.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR BUSINESS TYPE FUND ANALYSIS

The Water Fund cash balance decreased by \$ 18,309 to \$ 62,916. The decrease was due to payment of a portion of the water revenue notes.

The Sewer Fund cash balance decreased by \$ 10,530 to \$ 141,789, due to some major repairs being incurred in fiscal 2009.

The Electric Fund cash balance increased by \$ 33,314 to \$ 579,891, a smaller increase than in 2008, primarily due to higher electric rates charged to the City and less consumer usage.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the City amended its budget once. The amendment was approved on May 11, 2009, and resulted in an increase in budgeted disbursements and transfers of \$101,100. The additional disbursements related to community improvement projects and street maintenance.

The City's receipts were \$ 113,633 more than budgeted. This was primarily due to the City receiving more for utility service charges and local option sales tax than had been anticipated.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2009, the City has \$ 739,250 in long-term debt compared to \$ 775,800 last year, as shown in the following.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End (Expressed in Thousands)

(
` ~	June :	30,
	2009	2008
General Obligation Notes	\$ 195,050	163,400
Revenue Notes	98,200	121,400
Lease Purchase Agreement	446,000	491,000
	\$ 739,250	775,800

Debt decreased as a result of regular debt amortization.

The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt cities can issue to 5% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City's corporate limits. The City's outstanding general obligation debt of \$ 195,090 is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of \$ 1.430 million

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The City of Earlville's elected and appointed officials and citizens considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2010 budget, tax rates and fees that will be charged for various City activities. One of those factors is the economy. Nationally, the country is in the depths of a recession, with unemployment reaching 9.4%. However, state-wide things do not look as bleak with unemployment at 6.1%.

The City's population has steadily increased over the last 30 years, from 751 to 900. In the last year taxable valuation rose 11.1%

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2010. Amounts available for appropriation in the operating budget are \$ 1.142 million, a decrease of 1.5% under the fiscal 2009 budget. No borrowing is anticipated in 2010, the major cause for the budgeted revenue decrease. Because revenues are expected to be stagnant, no new major programs or initiatives are anticipated for fiscal year 2010. In fact, budgeted disbursements are expected to decrease by \$ 85,000 from the final fiscal 2009 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the City's budgeted cash balance is expected to decrease \$62,000 by the close of 2010.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Linda Gaul, City Clerk; 12 Southside Road, Earlville, Iowa 52038.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF EARLVILLE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET ASSETS-CASH BASIS As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

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Exhibit A

See notes to financial statements.

Exhibit B

CITY OF EARLVILLE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

		Special				
	General	Road Use Tax	Local Option Sales Tax	Debt Service	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total_
Receipts:			•	0, 0, ,	10 005	170 100
Property tax	\$ 135,241	0	0	24,014	18,925	178,180
Tax increment financing	0	0	0	0	24,979	24,979
Other city tax	1,102	0	74,100	186	155	75,543
Licenses and permits	3,036	0	0	0	0 402	3,036
Use of money and property	12,773	0	2,624	853	16.7	16,652
Intergovernmental	55,799	74,673	0	0	0	130,472
Charges for service	80,790	0	Ō	0	0	80,790
Special assessments	3,654	0	0	2,237	Ō	5,891
Miscellaneous	36,049	0	0	0	0	36,04 <u>9</u>
Total receipts	328,444	74,673	76,724	27,290	44,461	551,592
Disbursements:						
Operating						
Public safety	199,112	0	0	0	. 0	199,112
Public works	56,813	90,659	11,510	0	4,658	163,640
Health and social services	400	0	0	0	0	400
Culture and recreation	63,686	0	0	0	2,967	66,653
Community and economic						
development	20,232	0	0	0	. 0	20,232
General government	54,646	0	0	. 0	7,266	61,912
Debt service	0	0	0	68,233	0	68,233
Total disbursements	394,889	90,659	11,510	68,233	14,891	580,182
Excess (deficiency) of receipts						
over (under) disbursements	(66,445)	(15,986)	65,214	(40,943)	29,570	(28,590)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Note proceeds	90,000	0	0	0	C	90,000
Operating transfers in	28,737	0	0	47,823	0	76,560
Operating transfers out	(27,527)	0	(20,296)	0	(28,737)	(76,560)
Total other financing sources (uses)	91,210	0	(20,296)	47,823	(28,737)	90,000
Net change in cash balances	24,765	(15,986)	44,918	6,880	833	61,410
Cash balances beginning of year	370,706	38,539	91,227	41,187	18,368	560,027
Cash balances end of year	\$ 395,471	22,553	136,145	48,067	19,201	621,437
Cash Basis Fund Balances: Reserved for debt service Unreserved:	\$ O	0	0	48,067	0	48,067
Unreserved: General fund Special revenue funds	395,471	. 0	0.	0	0 19,201	395,471 177,899
Total cash basis fund balances	0	22.553	136,145	U	19,201	111,000

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF EARLVILLE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES PROPRIETARY FUNDS

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

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	Water	Sewer	Electric	Total
Operating receipts: Charges for service	\$ 68,406	74,981	495,916	639,303
Operating disbursements: Business type activities	50,504	82,182	479,459	612,145
Excess (deficiency) of operating receipts over (under) operating disbursements	17,902	(7,201)	16,457	27,158
Non-operating receipts (disbursements		(7,201)	10,457	27,130
Interest on investments Miscellaneous	1,756 0	3,955 185	11,850 5,007	17,561 5,192
Debt service Capital projects	(28,690) (9,277)	0 (7,469)	0	(28,690) (16,746)
Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	(36,211)	(3,329)	16,857	(22,683)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under)				
disbursements Cash balances beginning of year	(18,309) 81,225	(10,530) 152,319	33,314 546,577	4,475 780,121
Cash balances end of year	\$ 62,916	141,789	579 , 891	784,596
Cash Basis Fund Balances: Unreserved	\$ 62,916	141,789	579,891	784,596

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF EARLVILLE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2009

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Earlville is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Delaware County. It was first incorporated in 1882 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis. The City provides numerous services to citizens, including public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, and general government services. The City also provides water, sewer and electric utilities for its citizens.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, The City of Earlville has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The City has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incom-The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City. The City has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City participates in two jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the City but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. City officials are members of the following boards and commissions: Delaware County Joint E911 Service Board and Delaware County Solid Waste Commission.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statement - The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the City's nonfiduciary net assets. Net assets are reported in two categories:

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management, which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest on investments restricted to meeting operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. All general tax receipts and other receipts not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating disbursements, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid by other funds.

Special Revenue:

The Road Use Tax Fund is used to account for road construction and maintenance paid for with road use tax receipts.

The Local Option Sales Tax Fund is used to account for road construction and maintenance paid for with local option sales tax receipts.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the City's general long-term debt.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Water Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

The Sewer Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system.

The Electric Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's electric utility system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The City of Earlville maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information.

(2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The City's deposits in banks at June 30, 2009 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assignments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The City is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrument-alities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certifictes of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2009 the City had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$ 44,287 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Interest rate risk - The City's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the City.

<u>Credit risk</u> - The City's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

(3) Notes Payable

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation notes and revenue notes are as follows:

Year Ending	General Oblig	ation Notes	Revenue	. Notes	Tot	al
June 20,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2010	\$ 58,350	8,321	23,200	4,910	81,550	13,231
2011	45,850	5,814	10,000	3,750	55,850	9,564
2012	45,850	3,807	10,000	3,250	55,850	7 , 057
2013	11,250	1,800	10,000	2,750	21,250	4,550
2014	11,250	1,350	15,000	2,250	26,250	3,600
2015-2016	22,500	1,350	30,000	2,250	52,500	3,600
Total	\$ 195,050	22,442	98,200	19,160	293,250	41,602

The resolutions providing for the issuance of the revenue notes include the following provision:

(a) The notes will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activity and the note holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the funds.

(4) Lease-purchase Agreement

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the City's leasepurchase agreement to lease two electric generation units are as follows:

Year Ending	Lease-purchase Electric Genera	
June 30,	Principal Principal	Interest
2010	\$ 47,000	22,465
2011	49,000	20,303
2012	52,000	17,976
2013	54,000	15,428
2014	57,000	12,728
2015-2017	187,000	20,018
Total	\$ 446,000	108,918

The resolution authorizing the implementation of this lease-purchase agreement includes the following:

(a.) The lease is a limited obligation of the City payable solely from revenues generated from its municipal electric system and other monies made available by the City. The lease shall never constitute a debt of the City within the meaning of any constitutional provision or statutory limitation and shall never constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the City or a charge against its general credit or general fund. The lease does not constitute a charge, lien, or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the City.

(5) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The City contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 4.10% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 6.35% of annual covered payroll. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The City's contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2009, were \$ 7,927 equal to the required contribution for the year.

(6) Compensated Absences

City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation, personal leave and sick leave hours for subsequent payment. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City until paid. The City's approximate liability for earned vacation, personal leave and sick leave payable to employees at June 30, 2009, primarily relating to the General Fund, is as follows:

Type of Benefit	_Amount_
Vacation and personal leave Sick leave	\$ 4,400 21,900
	\$ 26,300

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2009.

(7) Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2009 is as follows:

Transfer to	Transfer from	Amount
General	Special Revenue: Urban Renewal Tax Increment Emergency	\$ 25,000 3,737 28,737
Debt Service	General Special Revenue:	27,527
	Urban Renewal Tax Increment	20,296
Total		<u>47,823</u> <u>\$ 76,560</u>

Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to disburse the resources.

(8) Related Party Transactions

Electric fund operating receipts of \$ 495,916 includes receipts from other City funds (primarily the General) of \$ 27,471 which were charges for electric services.

(9) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The City assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(10) Non-Cash Transactions

The City had non-cash investing activities related to the acquisition of equipment as follows:

Acquisition of equipment Trade-in allowance	\$ 17,413 (11,47 <u>1</u>)		
Cash paid for equipment	\$ 5,942		

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF EARLVILLE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CASH BASIS)-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Budgeted Amounts			Final to Total	
	Actual	Actual	Total	Original	Final	. Variance	
Receipts:	1100000	1101441				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Property tax	\$ 178,180	0	178,180	176,808	176,808	1.372	
Tax increment financing	24,979	0	24,979	25,000	25,000	(21)	
Other city tax	75,543	0	75,543	55,507	55,507	20,036	
Licenses and permits	3,036	0	3,036	1,500	2,500	536	
Use of money and property	16,652	17,561	34,213	7,000	10,500	23,713	
Intergovernmental	130,472	0	130,472	101,500	124,000	6,472	
Charges for service	80,790	639,303	720,093	682,000	692,000	28,093	
Special assessments	5,891	0	5,891	0	3,700	2,191	
Miscellaneous	36,049	5,192	41,241	10,000	10,000	31,241	
Total receipts	551,592	662,056	1,213,648	1,059,315	1,100,015	113,633	
Disbursements:							
Public safety	199,112	0	199,112	199,901	213,901	14,789	
Public works	163,640	0	163,640	161,910	196,010	32,370	
Health and social services	400	0	400	800	800	400	
Culture and recreation	66,653	0	66,653	87,970	89,970	23 , 317	
Community and economic							
development	20,232	0	20,232	5,500	30,500	10,268	
General government	61,912	0	61,912	66,225	70,225	8,313	
Debt service	68,233	0	68,233	71,823	71,823	3,590	
Business type activities	0	657,581	657,581	695,215	717,215	59,634	
Total disbursements	580,182	657,581	1,237,763	1,289,344	1,390,444	152,681	
Excess (deficiency) of receipts				/ >	(
over (under) disbursements	(28,590)	4,475	(24,115)	(230,029)	(290,429)	266,314	
Other financing sources, net	90,000	0	90,000	100,000	100,000	(10,000)	
Excess (deficiency) of receipts							
and other financing sources over							
(under) disbursements and other				(400 000)	(500 100)		
financing uses	61,410	4,475	65,885	(130,029)	(190,429)	256,314	
Balances beginning of year	560,027	780,121	1,340,148	1,114,044	1,340,120	28	
Balances end of year	\$ 621,437	784,596	1,406,033	98 <u>4</u> ,015	1,149,691	256,342	

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to required supplementary information-budgetary reporting.

CITY OF EARLVILLE NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION-BUDGETARY REPORTING June 30, 2009

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund. These nine functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Permanent Fund and the Enterprise Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$ 101,100. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF EARLVILLE SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

		Urban			
•	R	lenewal			
		Tax			
	In	crement	Benefits_	Emergency	<u>Total</u>
Receipts:					
Property taxes	\$	0	15,191	3,734	18,925
Tax increment financing		24,979	0	0	24,979
Other city tax		0	125	30	155
Use of money and property	_	180	222	0	402
Total receipts	_	25,159 _	15 , 53 <u>8</u>	3,764	44,461
Disbursements:					
Operating:					
Public works		0	4,658	0	4,658
Culture and recreation		0	2,967	0	2,967
General government		0	7,266	0	7,266
Total disbursements		. 0	14,891	0	14,891
Excess of receipts over					
disbursements		25,159	647	3,764	29,570
Other financing uses:					
Operating transfers out		(25,000)	0	(3,737)	<u>(28,737</u>)
Net change in cash balances		159	647	27	833
Cash balances beginning of year		9,685	8,668	. 15	18,368
Cash balances end of year	\$	9,844	9,315	42	19,201
Cash Basis Fund Balances Unreserved:					
Special revenue funds	\$	9,844	9,315	42	19,201

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Schedule 2

CITY OF EARLVILLE SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS Year Ended June 30, 2009

Obligation	Date of Issue	Interest Rates	Amount Originally Issued	Balance Beginning of Year	Issued During Year	Redeemed During Year	Balance End of Year	Interest Paid
General obligation notes: Street improvement Fire station Fire truck Ambulance Total	Oct 1, 2001 Jan 15, 2002 Nov 30, 2006 Aug 13, 2008	4.5% 4.0 4.5 4.0	\$ 172,000 125,000 87,000 90,000	68,800 25,000 69,600 0 \$ 163,400	0 0 0 90,000 90,000	17,200 12,500 17,400 11,250 58,350	51,600 12,500 52,200 78,750 195,050	3,096 1,000 3,132 2,655 9,883
Revenue notes: Water Water	Jun 29, 1998 Dec 13, 1999	5.0% 5.0	\$ 155,000 132,000	95,000 26,400 \$ 121,400	0 0	10,000 13,200 23,200	85,000 13,200 98,200	4,500 990 5,490
Lease-purchase agreement: Electric generation units	Mar 1, 2002	4.40-5.30%	\$ 726,738	491,000	0	45,000	446,000	24,445

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Schedule 3

CITY OF EARLVILLE BOND AND NOTE MATURITIES June 30, 2009

General Obligation Notes Fire Station
Issued Jan 15, 2002
Interest Ambulance Street Improvement Fire Truck Issued Nov 30, 2006 Issued Aug 13, Issued Oct 1, 2001 Year Interest Interest Ending Interest Total Rates June 30, Rates Amount Amount Rates Amount Rates Amount. 11,250 11,250 11,250 11,250 11,250 11,250 11,250 \$ 17,200 17,200 17,200 \$ 17,400 17,400 17,400 58,350 4.0% \$ 12,500 4.5% 4.0% 2010 4.5% 45,850 45,850 11,250 11,250 11,250 4.5 4.5 4.5 4.5 4.0 2011 _ 4.0 2012 4.0 2013 4.0 2014 4.0 2015 11,250 4.0 2016 78,750 195,050 \$ 52,200 \$ 51,600 12,500 Total

		R	Lease-purcha	se agreement			
	Wa	Water Water				Electric Gene	
Year		ssued Jun 29, 1998 Issued Dec 13, 1999		c 13, 1999		Issued Mar	1, 2002
Ending	Interest		Interest			Interest	
June 30,	Rates	Amount	Rates	Amount	Total	Rates	Amount
2010	5.0%	\$ 10,000	5.0%	\$ 13,200	23,200	4.60%	\$ 47,000
2011	5.0	10,000		· · · -	10,000	4.75	49,000
2012	5.0	10,000		_	10,000	4.90	52,000
2013	5.0	10.000			10,000	5,00	54,000
2014	5.0	15.000		_	15,000	5.10 ·	57,000
2015	5.0	15,000		_	15,000	5.20	59,000
2016	5.0	15,000		_	15,000	5.25	63,000
2017		_			<u></u> _	5.30	65,000
Total		\$ 85,000		\$ 13,200	98,200		\$ 446,000

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Earlville, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2009. Our report on the financial statements, which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting, expressed qualified opinions since we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the distribution by activity of the cash basis net assets and by fund of the cash balances at July 1, 2008. Except as noted in the Independent Auditor's Report, we conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Earlville's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Earlville's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Earlville's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies, including deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow

management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent and detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City of Earlville's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of the City of Earlville's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City of Earlville's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City of Earlville's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe items I-A-09 and I-B-09 are material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Earlville's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances on noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance or other matters that are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2009 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

The City of Earlville's responses to findings in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the

City's responses, we did not audit the City of Earlville's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees, and citizens of the City of Earlville and other parties to whom the City of Earlville may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City of Earlville during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Elkader, Iowa

September 18, 2009

Dietz, Donald & Company, CPAs

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CITY OF EARLVILLE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS Year Ended June 30, 2009

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES;

I-A-09 <u>Segregation of Duties</u> - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. One employee at the City prepares bank account reconciliations, initiates cash receipts and disbursements functions and handles and records cash.

<u>Recommendation</u> - We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will consider this.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response acknowledged. The City should segregate duties to the extent possible with existing personnel and utilize elected officials whenever possible to provide additional control through review of financial transactions.

I-B-09 <u>Financial Reporting</u> - As is common in small organizations, the City does not prepare its financial statements, complete with notes, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, the City is unable to, and has not established internal controls over the preparation of financial statements.

<u>Recommendation</u> - As part of the audit, we have been requested to prepare a draft of the City's financial statements, including related notes. The City then performs a review of the financial statements. However, in order to provide improved oversight of the financial reporting process, the City should establish review policies and procedures including the performance of some or all of the following:

- [1] Review the adequacy of financial statement disclosures.
- [2] Review and approve schedule and calculations supporting amounts included in the notes to the financial statements.
- [3] Apply analytical procedures to the draft financial statements.
- [4] Apply other procedures as considered necessary by the City.

Response - We will consider this.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

CITY OF EARLVILLE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS Year Ended June 30, 2009

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- II-A-09 <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2009 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
- II-B-09 <u>Questionable Disbursements</u> We noted no disbursements that fail to meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- II-C-09 <u>Travel Expense</u> No disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees were noted.
- II-D-09 <u>Business Transactions</u> No business transactions between the City and City officials or employees were noted.
- II-E-09 <u>Bond Coverage</u> Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- II-F-09 <u>Council Minutes</u> No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Council minutes but were not.
- II-G-09 <u>Deposits and Investments</u> No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the City's investment policy were noted.
- II-H-09 Revenue Bonds No instances of non-compliance with the revenue bond resolutions were noted.